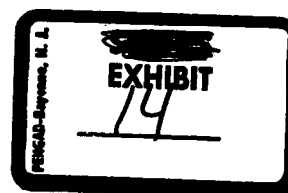


EXHIBIT 6

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Minutes for the Public Focus Meeting

For Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)

December 17, 1986

The meeting opened with comments from Rich Troast, Section Chief in the Test Rules Development Branch. Beth Anderson, project manager for MTBE, presented the handout information (attached) which outlined the concerns and testing recommended by the Interagency Testing Committee (ITC) Report 51 FR 41417 (November 14, 1986). She indicated the data gaps in: health effects, exposure, and production data and requested industry submission of this information. An additional concern brought out by TRDB research was the contamination of ground water supplies by MTBE. There are over 700,000 underground storage tanks for petroleum products in the US and about 30% of these tanks leak.

Vinay Kumar, Chemical Engineering Branch, submitted a list of questions and requested industry response. Ed Coe, Economics Branch, presented a list of questions for industry response. He estimated the ITC testing costs (\$500,000 to \$800,000) and the annualized test cost per pound as a percentage of product price per pound: 0.009% to 0.018%.

William Kilmartin, from ARCO Chemical Company, presented data to answer the ITC's concerns with two major points: 1) Monitoring of exposure to MTBE from gasoline vapors is needed. The worse case exposures can be calculated from existing data. 2) Testing for chronic inhalation health effects is not necessary because worse case exposures to MTBE are well below the no observable adverse effect level.

Arthur Lington, EXXON Corporation, presented a summary of health effects testing of MTBE already conducted. His review of MTBE data concluded that there was no need to conduct a chronic study to assess oncogenic, hematologic or neurotoxic effects based on data from experiments with MTBE, other aliphatic ethers and tert-butyl alcohol. The presentation concluded by suggesting that TLV of 100 ppm MTBE would allow a margin of safety of 100 or greater because exposure to MTBE vapor is generally <1 ppm.

The industry representatives were encouraged to submit supplemental information and the mandatory 8(a) and 8(d) information for the Agency's course setting process. Rich Troast indicated that a public course setting meeting would be held in April. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments

EXHIBIT

EXHIBIT 28

*Schedule*Week 1/Event-2
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Receive ITC report recommendation
 Publish ITC report, 3(a) & 3(d) notices,
 and invitation for public
 participation in negotiations

3-6

Comment period on ITC report

6

Public focus meeting

7-14

3(a) and 3(d) reporting period

15-20

Course-setting

22

Public meeting on course-setting
 decision and deadline for requests to
 participate in negotiations

22-30

Negotiations

32

KPA decision point: consent agreement
 or test rule

WeekConsent Agreement

34-36

Prepare consent agree-
 ment; circulate to parties
 Comments due on consent
 agreement

36-40

42

Comment resolution
 meeting if necessary

42-44

Prepare final consent
 agreement and FEDERAL
 REGISTER notice

44-48

Sign-off consent agreement
 and FEDERAL REGISTER notice

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Publish FEDERAL REGISTER
 notice

WeekTest Rule

32-60

Rule preparation,
 agency review and
 sign-off

62

Publish proposed rule
 in FEDERAL REGISTER

70-106

Agency reviews com-
 ments; preparation of
 final rule or no-test
 decision, agency

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review and sign-off
 Publish final rule or
 no-test decision in
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